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In re Application of :  
Rahdert, et al. :  
Application No. 10/676,729 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: October 1, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. 9542.18427-FOR :

This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed September 17, 2008.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the non-final Office action mailed February 28, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on September 10, 2008, stating that no reply had been received.

A review of the application file reveals the presence of an Amendment, filed on September 2, 2008, made timely by obtaining a three month extension of time and by including a Certificate of Mailing dated August 27, 2008. Furthermore, a review of Office records reveals that the Office received the fee for the three month extension of time on September 2, 2008. Accordingly, it is obvious that the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error.

In view thereof, **the holding of abandonment is withdrawn**.

The matter is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 3774 for consideration of the Amendment filed September 2, 2008.

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